



# On some classes of Dunford–Pettis-like operators

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## Abstract

In this paper we give characterizations of weak Dunford–Pettis, weak\* Dunford–Pettis, weak  $p$ -convergent, and weak\*  $p$ -convergent operators.

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## 1 Introduction

In this paper Dunford–Pettis sets and limited sets are used to characterize the classes of weak Dunford–Pettis and weak\* Dunford–Pettis operators. The classes of weak  $p$ -convergent and weak\*  $p$ -convergent operators are also studied.

Our major results are Theorems 2, 6, 14, and 18. As consequences, we obtain equivalent characterizations of Banach spaces with the Dunford–Pettis property,  $DP^*$ -property, Dunford–Pettis property of order  $p$ , and  $DP^*$ -property of order  $p$ . We generalize some results in [1,5,11,15,18].

## 2 Definitions and notation

Throughout this paper,  $X$  and  $Y$  will denote real Banach spaces. The unit ball of  $X$  will be denoted by  $B_X$  and  $X^*$  will denote the continuous linear dual of  $X$ . An operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  will be a continuous and linear function. The space of all operators from  $X$  to  $Y$  will be denoted by  $L(X, Y)$ .

The operator  $T$  is *completely continuous* (or *Dunford–Pettis*) if  $T$  maps weakly convergent sequences to norm convergent sequences.

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A Banach space  $X$  has the Dunford–Pettis property (*DPP*) if every weakly compact operator  $T$  with domain  $X$  is completely continuous. Equivalently,  $X$  has the *DPP* if and only if  $x_n^*(x_n) \rightarrow 0$  for all weakly null sequences  $(x_n)$  in  $X$  and  $(x_n^*)$  in  $X^*$  [8, Theorem 1]. Schur spaces,  $C(K)$  spaces, and  $L_1(\mu)$  spaces have the *DPP*. The reader can check [7–9], and [2] for a guide to the extensive classical literature dealing with the *DPP*, equivalent formulations of the preceding definitions, and undefined notation and terminology.

A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is called a *Dunford–Pettis (DP)* subset (resp. *limited* subset) of  $X$  if each weakly null (resp.  $w^*$ -null) sequence  $(x_n^*)$  in  $X^*$  tends to 0 uniformly on  $A$  [2] (resp. [3,24]); i.e.

$$\sup_{x \in A} |x_n^*(x)| \rightarrow 0.$$

If  $A$  is a limited subset of  $X$ , then  $T(A)$  is relatively compact for any operator  $T : X \rightarrow c_0$  [3, p. 56], [24, p. 23]. The subset  $A$  of  $X$  is a *DP* subset of  $X$  if and only if  $T(A)$  is relatively compact whenever  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is a weakly compact operator [2] if and only if  $T(A)$  is relatively compact whenever  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is an operator with weakly precompact adjoint [20].

A bounded subset  $S$  of  $X$  is said to be *weakly precompact* provided that every sequence from  $S$  has a weakly Cauchy subsequence. Every *DP* subset of  $X$  is weakly precompact [2]. Since any limited set is a *DP* set, any limited set is weakly precompact. An operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is called *weakly precompact (or almost weakly compact)* if  $T(B_X)$  is weakly precompact.

A Banach space  $X$  has the *DP\**-property (*DP\*P*) if all weakly compact sets in  $X$  are limited [4,5,21]. The space  $X$  has the *DP\*P* if and only if  $x_n^*(x_n) \rightarrow 0$  for all weakly null sequences  $(x_n)$  in  $X$  and  $w^*$ -null sequences  $(x_n^*)$  in  $X^*$  [16]. If  $X$  has the *DP\*P*, then it has the *DPP*. If  $X$  is a Schur space or if  $X$  has the *DPP* and the Grothendieck property (weak and weak\* convergence of sequences in  $X^*$  coincide), then  $X$  has the *DP\*P*.

### 3 Weak Dunford–Pettis operators and weak\* Dunford–Pettis operators

An operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is called *weak Dunford–Pettis* [1, p. 349] if  $\langle T(x_n), y_n^* \rangle \rightarrow 0$ , whenever  $(x_n)$  is a weakly null sequence in  $X$  and  $(y_n^*)$  is a weakly null sequence in  $Y^*$ . An operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is called *weak\* Dunford–Pettis* [11] if  $\langle T(x_n), y_n^* \rangle \rightarrow 0$ , whenever  $(x_n)$  is a weakly null sequence in  $X$  and  $(y_n^*)$  is a  $w^*$ -null sequence in  $Y^*$ .

In this section we give some characterizations of weak Dunford–Pettis and weak\* Dunford–Pettis operators.

**Observation 1** If  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is an operator, then  $T(B_X)$  is a *DP* (resp. *limited*) subset of  $Y$  if and only if  $T^* : Y^* \rightarrow X^*$  is completely continuous (resp.  $T^*$  is  $w^*$ -norm sequentially continuous).

To see this, note that  $T(B_X)$  is a *DP* (resp. *limited*) subset of  $Y$  if and only if

$$0 = \lim_n \sup \{ |\langle y_n^*, T(x) \rangle| : x \in B_X \} = \lim_n \sup \{ |\langle T^*(y_n^*), x \rangle| : x \in B_X \} = \lim_n \|T^*(y_n^*)\|$$

for each weakly null (resp.  $w^*$ -null) sequence  $(y_n^*)$  in  $Y^*$ ; that is,  $T^* : Y^* \rightarrow X^*$  is completely continuous (resp.  $T^*$  is  $w^*$ -norm sequentially continuous).

**Theorem 1** [1, Theorem 5.99, p. 351] *Let  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  be an operator. The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $T$  is a weak Dunford–Pettis operator.

- (2)  $T$  carries weakly compact subsets of  $X$  to Dunford–Pettis subsets of  $Y$ .
- (3) If  $S : Y \rightarrow Z$  is a weakly compact operator, then  $ST : X \rightarrow Z$  is completely continuous, for any Banach space  $Z$ .

We are now giving our first major result. It gives characterizations of weak Dunford–Pettis operators and generalizes [1, Theorem 5.99, p. 351].

**Theorem 2** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces, and let  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  be an operator. The following statements are equivalent.*

- (1)  $T$  is a weak Dunford–Pettis operator.
- (2)  $T$  carries weakly precompact subsets of  $X$  to Dunford–Pettis subsets of  $Y$ .
- (3) For all Banach spaces  $Z$ , if  $S : Y \rightarrow Z$  has a weakly precompact adjoint, then  $ST : X \rightarrow Z$  is completely continuous.
- (4) If  $S : Y \rightarrow c_0$  has a weakly precompact adjoint, then  $ST : X \rightarrow c_0$  is completely continuous.
- (5) If  $(x_n)$  is a weakly null sequence in  $X$  and  $(y_n^*)$  is a weakly Cauchy sequence in  $Y^*$ , then  $\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle \rightarrow 0$ .

**Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $A$  be a weakly precompact subset of  $X$ . Suppose by contradiction that  $T(A)$  is not a Dunford–Pettis subset of  $Y$ . Suppose that  $(y_n^*)$  is a weakly null sequence in  $Y^*$ ,  $(x_n)$  is a sequence in  $A$ , and  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $|\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle| > \epsilon$  for all  $n$ . Without loss of generality assume that  $(x_n)$  is weakly Cauchy.

Let  $n_1 = 1$  and choose  $n_2 > n_1$  so that  $|\langle y_{n_2}^*, T(x_{n_1}) \rangle| < \epsilon/2$ . We can do this since  $(y_n^*)$  is  $w^*$ -null. Continue inductively. Choose  $n_k > n_{k-1}$  so that  $|\langle y_{n_k}^*, T(x_{n_{k-1}}) \rangle| < \epsilon/2$ . Since  $T$  is a weak Dunford–Pettis operator,  $\langle y_{n_k}^*, T(x_{n_k} - x_{n_{k-1}}) \rangle \rightarrow 0$ . However,

$$|\langle y_{n_k}^*, T(x_{n_k} - x_{n_{k-1}}) \rangle| \geq |\langle y_{n_k}^*, T(x_{n_k}) \rangle| - |\langle y_{n_k}^*, T(x_{n_{k-1}}) \rangle| > \epsilon/2,$$

a contradiction.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let  $S : Y \rightarrow Z$  be an operator such that  $S^* : Z^* \rightarrow Y^*$  is weakly precompact. Suppose  $(x_n)$  is a weakly null sequence in  $X$ . Since  $\{T(x_n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a Dunford–Pettis set in  $Y$  and  $S^*$  is weakly precompact,  $\{ST(x_n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is relatively compact [20, Corollary 4]. Then  $\|ST(x_n)\| \rightarrow 0$ , and thus  $ST : X \rightarrow Z$  is completely continuous.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) and (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) are obvious.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Suppose  $(x_n)$  is weakly null in  $X$  and  $(y_n^*)$  is weakly null in  $Y^*$ . Define  $S : Y \rightarrow c_0$  by  $S(y) = (y_i^*(y))$ . Then  $S^* : \ell_1 \rightarrow Y^*$ ,  $S^*(b) = \sum b_i y_i^*$ . Note that  $S^*$  maps  $B_{\ell_1}$  into the closed and absolutely convex hull of  $\{y_i^* : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , which is relatively weakly compact [9, p. 51]. Then  $S^*$  is weakly compact. Hence  $ST : X \rightarrow c_0$  is completely continuous. Therefore  $\langle T(x_n), y_n^* \rangle \leq \|ST(x_n)\| = \sup_i |y_i^*(T(x_n))| \rightarrow 0$ , and  $T$  is weak Dunford–Pettis.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) Suppose that  $(x_n)$  is a weakly null sequence in  $X$ ,  $(y_n^*)$  is a weakly Cauchy sequence in  $Y^*$ , and  $\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle \not\rightarrow 0$ . Without loss of generality suppose that  $|\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle| > \epsilon$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , for some  $\epsilon > 0$ .

Let  $n_1 = 1$  and choose  $n_2 > n_1$  so that  $|\langle y_{n_1}^*, T(x_{n_2}) \rangle| < \epsilon/2$ . We can do this since  $(T(x_n))$  is weakly null. Continue inductively. Choose  $n_{k+1} > n_k$  so that  $|\langle y_{n_k}^*, T(x_{n_{k+1}}) \rangle| < \epsilon/2$ . Since  $T$  is weak Dunford–Pettis,  $\langle y_{n_{k+1}}^* - y_{n_k}^*, T(x_{n_{k+1}}) \rangle \rightarrow 0$ . Since

$$|\langle y_{n_{k+1}}^* - y_{n_k}^*, T(x_{n_{k+1}}) \rangle| \geq |\langle y_{n_{k+1}}^*, T(x_{n_{k+1}}) \rangle| - |\langle y_{n_k}^*, T(x_{n_{k+1}}) \rangle| > \epsilon/2,$$

we have a contradiction. □

**Corollary 3** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces, and let  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  be an operator. The following statements are equivalent.*

- (i)  $T$  is a weak Dunford–Pettis operator.
- (ii) For all Banach spaces  $Z$ , if  $S : Z \rightarrow X$  is a weakly precompact operator, then  $TS : Z \rightarrow Y$  has a completely continuous adjoint.
- (iii) If  $S : \ell_1 \rightarrow X$  is a weakly precompact operator, then  $TS : \ell_1 \rightarrow Y$  has a completely continuous adjoint.
- (iv) If  $(x_n)$  is a weakly Cauchy sequence in  $X$  and  $(y_n^*)$  is a weakly null sequence in  $Y^*$ , then  $\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle \rightarrow 0$ .

**Proof** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $S : Z \rightarrow X$  be a weakly precompact operator. Then  $TS(B_Z)$  is a Dunford–Pettis set. Thus  $TS : Z \rightarrow Y$  has a completely continuous adjoint.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) Suppose  $(x_n)$  is a weakly Cauchy sequence in  $X$  and  $(y_n^*)$  is a weakly null sequence in  $Y^*$ . Define  $S : \ell_1 \rightarrow X$  by

$$S(b) = \sum b_n x_n,$$

where  $b = (b_n) \in \ell_1$ . Since  $S(B_{\ell_1})$  is contained in the closed and absolutely convex hull of  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , which is weakly precompact [24, p. 27],  $S$  is weakly precompact.

By assumption,  $(TS)^* = S^*T^*$  is completely continuous. Note that  $S^*(x^*) = (\langle x^*, x_i \rangle)_i$ ,  $x^* \in X^*$ , and  $S^*T^*(y_n^*) = (\langle T^*(y_n^*), x_i \rangle)_i$ . Hence

$$\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle = \langle T^*(y_n^*), x_n \rangle \leq \|S^*T^*(y_n^*)\| = \sup_i |\langle T^*(y_n^*), x_i \rangle| \rightarrow 0.$$

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) and (iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) are obvious. □

The following two corollaries provide equivalent characterizations of spaces with the Dunford–Pettis property.

**Corollary 4** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $X$  has the DPP.
- (ii) The identity operator  $i : X \rightarrow X$  is a weak Dunford–Pettis operator; that is, every weakly precompact subset of  $X$  is a Dunford–Pettis set.
- (iii) [8] Every operator  $S : X \rightarrow Z$  with weakly precompact adjoint is completely continuous, for any Banach space  $Z$ .
- (iv) [8] Every operator  $S : X \rightarrow c_0$  with weakly precompact adjoint is completely continuous.
- (v) [8] If  $(x_n)$  is a weakly null sequence in  $X$  and  $(x_n^*)$  is a weakly Cauchy sequence in  $X^*$ , then  $x_n^*(x_n) \rightarrow 0$ .

**Proof** Apply Theorem 2 to the identity operator  $i : X \rightarrow X$ . □

We note that  $X$  has the DPP if and only if weakly precompact sets and DP sets coincide (since every DP set is weakly precompact [2]).

**Corollary 5** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $X$  has the DPP.
- (ii) [8] For all Banach spaces  $Z$ , every weakly precompact operator  $S : Z \rightarrow X$  has a completely continuous adjoint.
- (iii) Every weakly precompact operator  $S : \ell_1 \rightarrow X$  has a completely continuous adjoint.

(iv) [8] If  $(x_n)$  is a weakly Cauchy sequence in  $X$  and  $(x_n^*)$  is a weakly null sequence in  $X^*$ , then  $x_n^*(x_n) \rightarrow 0$ .

**Proof** Apply Corollary 3 to the identity operator  $i : X \rightarrow X$ . □

An operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is called *limited* if  $T(B_X)$  is limited in  $Y$ . The operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is limited if and only if  $T^* : Y^* \rightarrow X^*$  is  $w^*$ -norm sequentially continuous (by Observation 1).

We are now giving our second major result. It gives a characterization of weak\* Dunford–Pettis operators and generalizes [11, Theorem 3.2].

**Theorem 6** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces and let  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  be an operator. The following statements are equivalent.*

- (1)  $T$  is a weak\* Dunford–Pettis operator.
- (2)  $T$  carries weakly precompact subsets of  $X$  to limited subsets of  $Y$ .
- (3) If  $S : Z \rightarrow X$  is a weakly precompact operator, then  $TS : Z \rightarrow Y$  is limited, for any Banach space  $Z$ .
- (4) If  $S : \ell_1 \rightarrow X$  is a weakly precompact operator, then  $TS : \ell_1 \rightarrow Y$  is limited.
- (5) If  $(x_n)$  is a weakly null sequence in  $X$  and  $(y_n^*)$  is a  $w^*$ -Cauchy sequence in  $Y^*$ , then  $\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle \rightarrow 0$ .

**Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is similar to the proof of (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) in Theorem 2.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Suppose  $S : Z \rightarrow X$  is weakly precompact. Then  $TS(B_Z)$  is limited, and thus  $TS$  is limited.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) and (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) are obvious.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $(x_n)$  be a weakly null sequence in  $X$  and  $(y_n^*)$  be a  $w^*$ -null sequence in  $Y^*$ . Define  $S : \ell_1 \rightarrow X$  by

$$S(b) = \sum b_n x_n,$$

where  $b = (b_n) \in \ell_1$ . Since  $S(B_{\ell_1})$  is contained in the closed and absolutely convex hull of  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , which is relatively weakly compact [9, p. 51],  $S$  is weakly compact. By assumption,  $TS$  is limited. Suppose  $(e_n^*)$  denotes the unit vector basis of  $\ell_1$ . Then

$$\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle = \langle y_n^*, TS(e_n^*) \rangle \rightarrow 0.$$

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) is similar to the proof of (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) in Theorem 2. □

**Corollary 7** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces and let  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  be an operator. The following statements are equivalent.*

- (i)  $T$  is a weak\* Dunford–Pettis operator.
- (ii) If  $(x_n)$  is a weakly Cauchy sequence in  $X$  and  $(y_n^*)$  is a  $w^*$ -null sequence in  $Y^*$ , then  $\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle \rightarrow 0$ .
- (iii) If  $S : Y \rightarrow Z$  is an operator such that  $S^*(B_{Z^*})$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact, then  $ST : X \rightarrow Z$  is completely continuous.
- (iv) If  $S : Y \rightarrow c_0$  is an operator, then  $ST : X \rightarrow c_0$  is completely continuous.

**Proof** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Suppose that  $(x_n)$  is a weakly Cauchy sequence in  $X$  and  $(y_n^*)$  is a  $w^*$ -null sequence in  $Y^*$ . Since  $(T(x_n))$  is limited in  $Y$ ,  $\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle \rightarrow 0$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Let  $S : Y \rightarrow Z$  be an operator such that  $S^*(B_{Z^*})$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact, but  $ST : X \rightarrow Z$  is not completely continuous. Let  $(x_n)$  be weakly null in  $X$  so that

$\|ST(x_n)\| > \epsilon$ , for some  $\epsilon > 0$ . Choose  $(z_n^*)$  in  $B_{Z^*}$  so that  $\langle z_n^*, ST(x_n) \rangle > \epsilon$ . Without loss of generality  $(S^*(z_n^*))$  is  $w^*$ -convergent. Hence  $\langle S^*(z_n^*), T(x_n) \rangle = \langle z_n^*, ST(x_n) \rangle \rightarrow 0$ , a contradiction.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) Let  $S : Y \rightarrow c_0$  be an operator. Note that  $B_{\ell_1}$ , and thus  $S^*(B_{\ell_1})$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact (since  $c_0$  is separable). Then  $ST : X \rightarrow c_0$  is completely continuous.

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Suppose  $(x_n)$  is a weakly null sequence in  $X$  and  $(y_n^*)$  is a  $w^*$ -null sequence in  $Y^*$ . Define  $S : Y \rightarrow c_0$  by  $S(y) = (y_i^*(y))$ . Since  $ST : X \rightarrow c_0$  is completely continuous,  $\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle \leq \|ST(x_n)\| \rightarrow 0$ . □

The following corollary provides a characterization of spaces with the  $DP^*P$  and generalizes [11, Corollary 3.3].

**Corollary 8** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $X$  has the  $DP^*P$ .
- (ii) [16] *The identity operator  $i : X \rightarrow X$  is a weak\* Dunford–Pettis operator ; that is, every weakly precompact subset of  $X$  is a limited set.*
- (iii) [16] *Every weakly precompact operator  $S : Z \rightarrow X$  is limited, for any Banach space  $Z$ .*
- (iv) *Every weakly precompact operator  $S : \ell_1 \rightarrow X$  is limited.*
- (v) [16] *If  $(x_n)$  is a weakly null sequence in  $X$  and  $(x_n^*)$  is a  $w^*$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X^*$ , then  $x_n^*(x_n) \rightarrow 0$ .*

**Proof** Apply Theorem 6 to the identity operator  $i : X \rightarrow X$ . □

We note that  $X$  has the  $DP^*P$  if and only if weakly precompact sets and limited sets coincide (since every limited set is weakly precompact [3]).

**Corollary 9** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i)  $X$  has the  $DP^*P$ .
- (ii) [16] *If  $(x_n)$  is a weakly Cauchy sequence in  $X$  and  $(x_n^*)$  is a  $w^*$ -null sequence in  $Y^*$ , then  $x_n^*(x_n) \rightarrow 0$ .*
- (iii) [16] *If  $S : X \rightarrow Z$  is an operator such that  $S^*(B_{Z^*})$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact, then  $S$  is completely continuous.*
- (iv) [5] *Every operator  $S : X \rightarrow c_0$  is completely continuous.*

**Proof** Apply Corollary 7 to the identity operator  $i : X \rightarrow X$ . □

**Corollary 10** (i) *If  $Y^*$  does not contain a copy of  $\ell_1$ , then every weak Dunford–Pettis operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is completely continuous.*

- (ii) *If  $B_{Y^*}$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact (in particular if  $Y$  is separable), then every weak\* Dunford–Pettis operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is completely continuous.*
- (iii) *If  $X$  or  $Y$  has the  $DPP$ , then every operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is weak Dunford–Pettis.*
- (iv) *If  $X$  or  $Y$  has the  $DP^*P$ , then every operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is weak\* Dunford–Pettis.*

**Proof** (i) Let  $i : Y \rightarrow Y$  be the identity operator on  $Y$ . Suppose that  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is a weak Dunford–Pettis operator. Since  $Y^*$  does not contain a copy of  $\ell_1$ ,  $i^*$  is weakly precompact (by Rosenthal’s  $\ell_1$  theorem). Then  $T = iT$  is completely continuous by Theorem 2.

- (ii) Let  $i : Y \rightarrow Y$  be the identity operator on  $Y$ . Suppose  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is a weak\* Dunford–Pettis operator. Since  $i^*(B_{Y^*})$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact,  $T = iT$  is completely continuous by Corollary 7.

- (iii) Let  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  be an operator. If  $Y$  has the  $DPP$ , then the identity operator  $i : Y \rightarrow Y$  is weak Dunford–Pettis. Hence  $T = iT$  is weak Dunford–Pettis. If  $X$  has the  $DPP$ , then the identity operator  $i : X \rightarrow X$  is weak Dunford–Pettis. Hence  $T = Ti$  is weak Dunford–Pettis.
- (iv) The proof is similar to that of (iii). □

Clearly each completely continuous operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is weak\* Dunford–Pettis and each weak\* Dunford–Pettis operator is weak Dunford–Pettis. By Corollary 10, we obtain the following result.

**Corollary 11** *If  $Y^*$  does not contain a copy of  $\ell_1$ , then the families of completely continuous operators, weak\* Dunford–Pettis operators, and weak Dunford–Pettis operators  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  coincide.*

**Examples** (a) Note that  $\ell_\infty$  has the  $DP^*P$  (since it has the  $DPP$  and the Grothendieck property [5]). Then the identity operator  $i : \ell_\infty \rightarrow \ell_\infty$  is weak\* Dunford–Pettis and is not completely continuous.

(b) A space  $X$  has the  $DP^*P$  if and only if every operator  $T : X \rightarrow c_0$  is completely continuous [5]. Since the identity operator  $i : c_0 \rightarrow c_0$  is not completely continuous,  $c_0$  does not have the  $DP^*P$ . Thus  $i : c_0 \rightarrow c_0$  is weak Dunford–Pettis (since  $c_0$  has the  $DPP$ ) and not weak\* Dunford–Pettis.

**Corollary 12** (i) *Suppose that  $Y$  has the  $DPP$ . If  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is an operator such that  $T^*$  is not completely continuous, then  $T$  fixes a copy of  $\ell_1$ .*

(ii) *Suppose that  $Y$  has the  $DP^*P$ . If  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is a non-limited operator, then  $T$  fixes a copy of  $\ell_1$ .*

**Proof** (i) Suppose that  $T^*$  is not completely continuous. Let  $(y_n^*)$  be weakly null in  $Y^*$  so that  $\|T^*(y_n^*)\| \not\rightarrow 0$ . Suppose  $(x_n)$  is a sequence in  $B_X$  such that  $|\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle| > \epsilon$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$ . We claim that  $(x_n)$  has no weakly Cauchy subsequence. If the claim is false, suppose without loss of generality that  $(x_n)$  is weakly Cauchy. Since  $Y$  has the  $DPP$ ,  $T$  is weak Dunford–Pettis. Then  $\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle \rightarrow 0$  by Corollary 3. This contradiction shows that  $(x_n)$  has no weakly Cauchy subsequence. By Rosenthal’s  $\ell_1$  theorem,  $(x_n)$  has a subsequence equivalent to the  $\ell_1$  basis. Suppose without loss of generality that  $(x_n)$  is equivalent to  $(e_n^*)$ , where  $(e_n^*)$  denotes the basis of  $\ell_1$ .

Now, since  $|\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle| > \epsilon$  and  $Y$  has the  $DPP$ ,  $(T(x_n))$  has no weakly Cauchy subsequence (by Corollary 5). By Rosenthal’s  $\ell_1$  theorem,  $(T(x_n))$  has a subsequence equivalent to  $(e_n^*)$ . Suppose without loss of generality that  $(T(x_n))$  is equivalent to  $(e_n^*)$ . Hence  $T$  fixes a copy of  $\ell_1$ .

(ii) The proof is similar to that of (i). □

Corollary 12 (ii) generalizes [5, Theorem 2.3] (which states that if  $X$  and  $Y$  have the the  $DP^*P$  and  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is a non-limited operator, then  $T$  fixes a copy of  $\ell_1$ ).

A Banach space  $X$  has the *Dunford–Pettis relatively compact property* ( $DPrcP$ ) if every DP subset of  $X$  is relatively compact [13]. Schur spaces have the  $DPrcP$ . The space  $X$  does not contain a copy of  $\ell_1$  if and only if  $X^*$  has the  $DPrcP$  [12,13]. We note that if  $X^*$  does not contain a copy of  $\ell_1$ , then  $X^{**}$ , thus  $X$ , has the  $DPrcP$  [12,13].

The space  $X$  has the *Gelfand–Phillips* ( $GP$ ) property (or  $X$  is a *Gelfand–Phillips* space) if every limited subset of  $X$  is relatively compact. Schur spaces and separable spaces have the Gelfand–Phillips property [3].

An operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is called *Dunford–Pettis completely continuous (DPcc)* if  $T$  carries weakly null and DP sequences to norm null ones [22]. An operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is called *limited completely continuous (lcc)* if  $T$  maps weakly null limited sequences to norm null sequences [23].

The sets of all limited completely continuous, Dunford–Pettis completely continuous operators, weak Dunford Pettis, and weak\* Dunford Pettis operators from  $X$  to  $Y$  will be respectively denoted by  $LCC(X, Y)$ ,  $DPCC(X, Y)$ ,  $WDP(X, Y)$ , and  $W^*DP(X, Y)$ .

In the following result, we characterize Banach spaces  $X$  on which every weak (resp. weak\*) Dunford–Pettis operator is a DPcc (resp. lcc) operator.

- Corollary 13** (i) A Banach space  $X$  has the *DPrCP* if and only if  $DPCC(X, \ell_\infty) = WDP(X, \ell_\infty)$ .  
 (ii) A Banach space  $X$  has the *GP* property if and only if  $LCC(X, \ell_\infty) = W^*DP(X, \ell_\infty)$ .

- Proof** (i) A Banach space  $X$  has the *DPrCP* if and only if  $DPCC(X, \ell_\infty) = L(X, \ell_\infty)$  [22]. Since  $\ell_\infty$  has the *DPP*,  $L(X, \ell_\infty) = WDP(X, \ell_\infty)$ .  
 (ii) A Banach space  $X$  has the *GP* property if and only if  $LCC(X, \ell_\infty) = L(X, \ell_\infty)$  [23]. Since  $\ell_\infty$  has the *DP\*P*,  $L(X, \ell_\infty) = W^*DP(X, \ell_\infty)$ . □

If  $X$  has the *DPrCP*, then  $X$  has the *GP* property (since any limited set is a DP set). Thus, if  $X$  has the *DPrCP*, then  $L(X, \ell_\infty) = LCC(X, \ell_\infty) = DPCC(X, \ell_\infty) = WDP(X, \ell_\infty) = W^*DP(X, \ell_\infty)$ .

**Example** We note that the identity operator  $i : \ell_\infty \rightarrow \ell_\infty$  is weak\* Dunford–Pettis and not lcc (since  $\ell_\infty$  does not have the *GP* property). Further,  $i : \ell_\infty \rightarrow \ell_\infty$  is weak Dunford–Pettis (since  $\ell_\infty$  has the *DPP*) and not DPcc (since  $\ell_\infty$  does not have the *DPrCP*).

### 4 Weak $p$ -convergent operators and weak\* $p$ -convergent operators

For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $p^*$  denotes the conjugate of  $p$ . If  $p = 1$ , we take  $c_0$  instead of  $\ell_{p^*}$ . The unit vector basis of  $\ell_p$  will be denoted by  $(e_n)$ .

Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . A sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $X$  is called *weakly  $p$ -summable* if  $(x^*(x_n)) \in \ell_p$  for each  $x^* \in X^*$  [10, p. 32]. Let  $\ell_p^w(X)$  denote the set of all weakly  $p$ -summable sequences in  $X$ . The space  $\ell_p^w(X)$  is a Banach space with the norm

$$\|(x_n)\|_p^w = \sup \left\{ \left( \sum_{n=1}^\infty |x^*(x_n)|^p \right)^{1/p} : x^* \in B_{X^*} \right\}$$

We recall the following isometries:  $L(\ell_{p^*}, X) \simeq \ell_p^w(X)$  for  $1 < p < \infty$ ;  $L(c_0, X) \simeq \ell_p^w(X)$  for  $p = 1$ ; that are obtained via the isometry  $T \rightarrow (T(e_n))$  [10, Proposition 2.2, p. 36].

A series  $\sum x_n$  in  $X$  is said to be *weakly unconditionally convergent (wuc)* if for every  $x^* \in X^*$ , the series  $\sum |x^*(x_n)|$  is convergent. An operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is *unconditionally converging* if it maps weakly unconditionally convergent series to unconditionally convergent ones.

Let  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . An operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is called  *$p$ -convergent* if  $T$  maps weakly  $p$ -summable sequences into norm null sequences. The set of all  $p$ -convergent operators from  $X$  to  $Y$  is denoted by  $C_p(X, Y)$  [6].



The 1-convergent operators are precisely the unconditionally converging operators and the  $\infty$ -convergent operators are precisely the completely continuous operators. If  $p < q$ , then  $C_q(X, Y) \subseteq C_p(X, Y)$ .

A sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $X$  is called *weakly  $p$ -convergent* to  $x \in X$  if the sequence  $(x_n - x)$  is weakly  $p$ -summable [6]. Weakly  $\infty$ -convergent sequences are precisely the weakly convergent sequences.

Let  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . A bounded subset  $K$  of  $X$  is *relatively weakly  $p$ -compact* if every sequence in  $K$  has a weakly  $p$ -convergent subsequence. An operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is *weakly  $p$ -compact* if  $T(B_X)$  is relatively weakly  $p$ -compact [6].

The set of weakly  $p$ -compact operators  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is denoted by  $W_p(X, Y)$ . If  $p < q$ , then  $W_p(X, Y) \subseteq W_q(X, Y)$ . A Banach space  $X \in C_p$  (resp.  $X \in W_p$ ) if  $id(X) \in C_p(X, X)$  (resp.  $id(X) \in W_p(X, X)$ ) [6], where  $id(X)$  is the identity map on  $X$ .

A sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $X$  is called *weakly  $p$ -Cauchy* if  $(x_{n_k} - x_{m_k})$  is weakly  $p$ -summable for any increasing sequences  $(n_k)$  and  $(m_k)$  of positive integers.

Every weakly  $p$ -convergent sequence is weakly  $p$ -Cauchy, and the weakly  $\infty$ -Cauchy sequences are precisely the weakly Cauchy sequences.

Let  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . A subset  $S$  of  $X$  is called *weakly  $p$ -precompact* if every sequence from  $S$  has a weakly  $p$ -Cauchy subsequence [18]. An operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is called *weakly  $p$ -precompact* if  $T(B_X)$  is weakly  $p$ -precompact.

Let  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . A Banach space  $X$  has the *Dunford–Pettis property of order  $p$  ( $DPP_p$ )* ( $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ) if every weakly compact operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $p$ -convergent, for any Banach space  $Y$  [6]. Equivalently,  $X$  has the  $DPP_p$  if and only if  $x_n^*(x_n) \rightarrow 0$  whenever  $(x_n)$  is weakly  $p$ -summable in  $X$  and  $(x_n^*)$  is weakly null in  $X^*$  [6, Proposition 3.2].

If  $X$  has the  $DPP_p$ , then it has the  $DPP_q$ , if  $q < p$ . Also, the  $DPP_\infty$  is precisely the  $DPP$ , and every Banach space has the  $DPP_1$ .  $C(K)$  spaces and  $L_1$  have the  $DPP$ , and thus the  $DPP_p$  for all  $p$ . If  $1 < r < \infty$ , then  $\ell_r$  has the  $DPP_p$  for  $p < r^*$ . If  $1 < r < \infty$ , then  $L_r(\mu)$  has the  $DPP_p$  for  $p < \min(2, r^*)$ . Tsirelson’s space  $T$  has the  $DPP_p$  for all  $p < \infty$ . Since  $T$  is reflexive, it does not have the  $DPP$ . Tsirelson’s dual space  $T^*$  does not have the  $DPP_p$ , if  $p > 1$  [6].

Let  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . A Banach space  $X$  has the  *$DP^*$ -property of order  $p$  ( $DP^*P_p$ )* if all weakly  $p$ -compact sets in  $X$  are limited [14]. Equivalently,  $X$  has the  $DP^*P_p$  if and only if  $x_n^*(x_n) \rightarrow 0$  whenever  $(x_n)$  is weakly  $p$ -summable in  $X$  and  $(x_n^*)$  is weakly null in  $X^*$  [14].

If  $X$  has the  $DP^*P_q$ , then it has the  $DP^*P_p$ , if  $q > p$ . Further, the  $DP^*P_\infty$  is precisely the  $DP^*P$  and every Banach space has the  $DP^*P_1$ . If  $X$  has the  $DP^*P$ , then  $X$  has the  $DP^*P_p$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . If  $X$  has the  $DP^*P_p$ , then  $X$  has the  $DP^*P_p$ .

Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . An operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is called *weak  $p$ -convergent* if  $\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle \rightarrow 0$  whenever  $(x_n)$  is weakly  $p$ -summable in  $X$  and  $(y_n^*)$  is weakly null in  $Y^*$  [15]. An operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is called *weak\*  $p$ -convergent* if  $\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle \rightarrow 0$  whenever  $(x_n)$  is weakly  $p$ -summable in  $X$  and  $(y_n^*)$  is  $w^*$ -null in  $Y^*$  [15].

In the following we study weak  $p$ -convergent and weak\*  $p$ -convergent operators. The following result generalizes [18, Theorem 8].

**Theorem 14** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces, and let  $1 < p < \infty$ . The following statements are equivalent about an operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$ .*

- (1)  $T$  is weak  $p$ -convergent.
- (2)  $T$  takes weakly  $p$ -precompact subsets of  $X$  to  $DP$  subsets of  $Y$ .
- (3) For any Banach space  $Z$ , if  $S : Y \rightarrow Z$  has a weakly precompact adjoint, then  $ST : X \rightarrow Z$  is  $p$ -convergent.
- (4) If  $S : Y \rightarrow c_0$  has a weakly precompact adjoint, then  $ST : X \rightarrow c_0$  is  $p$ -convergent.

(5) If  $(x_n)$  is a weakly  $p$ -summable sequence in  $X$  and  $(y_n^*)$  is a weakly Cauchy sequence in  $Y^*$ , then  $\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle \rightarrow 0$ .

**Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $A$  be a weakly  $p$ -precompact subset of  $X$ . Suppose by contradiction that  $T(A)$  is not a Dunford–Pettis subset of  $Y$ . Let  $(y_n^*)$  be a weakly null sequence in  $Y^*$ , and let  $(x_n)$  be a sequence in  $A$  such that  $|\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle| > \epsilon$  for all  $n$ , for some  $\epsilon > 0$ . By passing to a subsequence, we can assume that  $(x_n)$  is weakly  $p$ -Cauchy.

Let  $n_1 = 1$  and choose  $n_2 > n_1$  so that  $|\langle y_{n_2}^*, T(x_{n_1}) \rangle| < \epsilon/2$ . We can do this since  $(y_n^*)$  is  $w^*$ -null. Continue inductively. Choose  $n_k > n_{k-1}$  so that  $|\langle y_{n_k}^*, T(x_{n_{k-1}}) \rangle| < \epsilon/2$ . Since  $T$  is weak  $p$ -convergent,  $\langle y_{n_k}^*, T(x_{n_k} - x_{n_{k-1}}) \rangle \rightarrow 0$ . However,

$$|\langle y_{n_k}^*, T(x_{n_k} - x_{n_{k-1}}) \rangle| \geq |\langle y_{n_k}^*, T(x_{n_k}) \rangle| - |\langle y_{n_k}^*, T(x_{n_{k-1}}) \rangle| > \epsilon/2,$$

a contradiction.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Suppose  $S : Y \rightarrow Z$  is an operator with weakly precompact adjoint. Let  $(x_n)$  be a weakly  $p$ -summable sequence in  $X$ . By (2),  $(T(x_n))$  is a  $DP$  subset of  $Y$ . Therefore  $(ST(x_n))$  is relatively compact [20, Corollary 4]. Hence  $\|ST(x_n)\| \rightarrow 0$ , and thus  $ST$  is  $p$ -convergent.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) and (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) are obvious.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $(x_n)$  be a weakly  $p$ -summable sequence in  $X$  and  $(y_n^*)$  be a weakly null sequence in  $Y^*$ . Define  $S : Y \rightarrow c_0$  by  $S(y) = (y_i^*(y))$ . Then  $S^* : \ell_1 \rightarrow Y^*$ ,  $S^*(b) = \sum b_i y_i^*$ . Note that  $S^*$  maps  $B_{\ell_1}$  into the closed and absolutely convex hull of  $\{y_i^* : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , which is relatively weakly compact [9, p. 51]. Then  $S^*$  is weakly compact. Hence  $ST : X \rightarrow c_0$  is  $p$ -convergent. Therefore  $\langle T(x_n), y_n^* \rangle \leq \|ST(x_n)\| = \sup_i |\langle y_i^*, T(x_n) \rangle| \rightarrow 0$ , and  $T$  is weak  $p$ -convergent.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) Let  $(x_n)$  be a weakly  $p$ -summable sequence in  $X$  and  $(y_n^*)$  be a weakly Cauchy sequence in  $Y^*$ . Suppose  $\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle \not\rightarrow 0$ . Without loss of generality suppose that  $|\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle| > \epsilon$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , for some  $\epsilon > 0$ .

Let  $n_1 = 1$  and choose  $n_2 > n_1$  so that  $|\langle y_{n_1}^*, T(x_{n_2}) \rangle| < \epsilon/2$ . We can do this since  $(T(x_n))$  is weakly null. Continue inductively. Choose  $n_{k+1} > n_k$  so that  $|\langle y_{n_k}^*, T(x_{n_{k+1}}) \rangle| < \epsilon/2$ . Since  $T$  is a weak  $p$ -convergent operator,  $|\langle y_{n_{k+1}}^* - y_{n_k}^*, T(x_{n_{k+1}}) \rangle| \rightarrow 0$ . However,

$$|\langle y_{n_{k+1}}^* - y_{n_k}^*, T(x_{n_{k+1}}) \rangle| \geq |\langle y_{n_{k+1}}^*, T(x_{n_{k+1}}) \rangle| - |\langle y_{n_k}^*, T(x_{n_{k+1}}) \rangle| > \epsilon/2,$$

and we have a contradiction. □

**Corollary 15** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces, and let  $1 < p < \infty$ . The following statements are equivalent about an operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$ .

- (i)  $T$  is weak  $p$ -convergent.
- (ii) For every Banach space  $Z$ , if  $S : Z \rightarrow X$  is a weakly  $p$ -precompact operator, then  $TS : Z \rightarrow Y$  has a completely continuous adjoint.
- (iii) [18] If  $S : \ell_{p^*} \rightarrow X$  is an operator, then  $TS : \ell_{p^*} \rightarrow Y$  has a completely continuous adjoint.
- (iv) If  $(x_n)$  is a weakly  $p$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X$  and  $(y_n^*)$  is a weakly null sequence in  $Y^*$ , then  $\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle \rightarrow 0$ .

**Proof** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $S : Z \rightarrow X$  be a weakly  $p$ -precompact operator. Then  $TS(B_Z)$  is a  $DP$  set in  $Y$ . Hence  $(TS)^*$  is completely continuous.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Let  $S : \ell_{p^*} \rightarrow X$  be an operator. Since  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $\ell_{p^*} \in W_p$  [6]. Hence  $S$  is weakly  $p$ -compact, and thus  $(TS)^*$  is completely continuous.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Let  $(x_n)$  be weakly  $p$ -summable in  $X$  and let  $(y_n^*)$  be weakly null in  $Y^*$ . Define  $S : \ell_{p^*} \rightarrow X$  by  $S(b) = \sum b_i x_i$  [10, Proposition 2.2, p. 36]. Since  $TS(B_{\ell_{p^*}})$  is a  $DP$  set in  $Y$ ,  $\langle y_n^*, TS(e_n) \rangle = \langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle \rightarrow 0$ .

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) Let  $(x_n)$  be weakly  $p$ -Cauchy in  $X$  and let  $(y_n^*)$  be weakly null in  $Y^*$ . Since  $(T(x_n))$  is a  $DP$  set in  $Y$ ,  $\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle \rightarrow 0$ .

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) is obvious. □

As a consequence of the previous two results we obtain the following characterizations of Banach spaces with the  $DPP_p$ .

**Corollary 16** [19, Theorem 1] *Let  $1 < p < \infty$ . The following statements are equivalent about a Banach space  $X$ .*

- (1)  $X$  has the  $DPP_p$ .
- (2) The identity operator  $i : X \rightarrow X$  is weak  $p$ -convergent; that is, every weakly  $p$ -precompact subset of  $X$  is a Dunford–Pettis set.
- (3) Every operator  $S : X \rightarrow Z$  with weakly precompact adjoint is  $p$ -convergent, for any Banach space  $Z$ .
- (4) Every operator  $S : X \rightarrow c_0$  with weakly precompact adjoint is  $p$ -convergent.
- (5) If  $(x_n)$  is a weakly  $p$ -summable sequence in  $X$  and  $(x_n^*)$  is a weakly Cauchy sequence in  $X^*$ , then  $x_n^*(x_n) \rightarrow 0$ .

**Proof** Apply Theorem 14 to the identity operator  $i : X \rightarrow X$ . □

**Corollary 17** [19, Theorem 1] *Let  $1 < p < \infty$ . The following statements are equivalent about a Banach space  $X$ .*

- (i)  $X$  has the  $DPP_p$ .
- (ii) For all Banach spaces  $Z$ , every weakly  $p$ -precompact operator  $S : Z \rightarrow X$  has a completely continuous adjoint.
- (iii) Every operator  $S : \ell_{p^*} \rightarrow X$  has a completely continuous adjoint.
- (iv) If  $(x_n)$  is a weakly  $p$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X$  and  $(x_n^*)$  is a weakly null sequence in  $X^*$ , then  $x_n^*(x_n) \rightarrow 0$ .

**Proof** Apply Corollary 15 to the identity map  $i : X \rightarrow X$ . □

The following result generalizes [15, Theorem 2.11].

**Theorem 18** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces and  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  be an operator. Let  $1 < p < \infty$ . The following statements are equivalent.*

- (1)  $T$  is weak\*  $p$ -convergent.
- (2)  $T$  carries weakly  $p$ -precompact subsets of  $X$  to limited subsets of  $Y$ .
- (3) If  $S : Z \rightarrow X$  is a weakly  $p$ -precompact operator, then  $TS : Z \rightarrow Y$  is limited, for any Banach space  $Z$ .
- (4) If  $S : \ell_{p^*} \rightarrow X$  is an operator, then  $TS : \ell_{p^*} \rightarrow Y$  is limited.
- (5) If  $(x_n)$  is a weakly  $p$ -summable sequence in  $X$  and  $(y_n^*)$  is a  $w^*$ -Cauchy sequence in  $Y^*$ , then  $\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle \rightarrow 0$ .

**Proof** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is similar to the proof of (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) in Theorem 14.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let  $S : Z \rightarrow X$  be a weakly  $p$ -precompact operator. Then  $TS(B_Z)$  is limited, and thus  $TS : Z \rightarrow Y$  is limited.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) Let  $S : \ell_{p^*} \rightarrow X$  be an operator. Since  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $\ell_{p^*} \in W_p$  [6]. Hence  $S$  is weakly  $p$ -compact, and thus  $TS$  limited.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Suppose  $(x_n)$  is weakly  $p$ -summable in  $X$  and  $(y_n^*)$  is  $w^*$ -null in  $Y^*$ . Define  $S : \ell_{p^*} \rightarrow X$  by  $S(b) = \sum b_i x_i$  [10, Proposition 2.2, p. 36]. Since  $TS(B_{\ell_{p^*}})$  is a limited set in  $Y$ ,  $\langle y_n^*, TS(e_n) \rangle = \langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle \rightarrow 0$ .

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) is similar to the proof of (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) in Theorem 14. □

**Corollary 19** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces and  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  be an operator. Let  $1 < p < \infty$ . The following statements are equivalent.*

- (i)  $T$  is weak\*  $p$ -convergent.
- (ii) If  $(x_n)$  is a weakly  $p$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X$  and  $(y_n^*)$  is a  $w^*$ -null sequence in  $Y^*$ , then  $\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle \rightarrow 0$ .
- (iii) If  $S : Y \rightarrow Z$  is an operator such that  $S^*(B_{Z^*})$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact, then  $ST : X \rightarrow Z$  is  $p$ -convergent.
- (iv) If  $S : Y \rightarrow c_0$  is an operator, then  $ST : X \rightarrow c_0$  is  $p$ -convergent.

**Proof** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Suppose that  $(x_n)$  is a weakly  $p$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X$  and  $(y_n^*)$  is a  $w^*$ -null sequence in  $Y^*$ . Since  $(T(x_n))$  is limited in  $Y$ ,  $\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle \rightarrow 0$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Let  $S : Y \rightarrow Z$  be an operator such that  $S^*(B_{Z^*})$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact, but  $ST : X \rightarrow Z$  is not  $p$ -convergent. Let  $(x_n)$  be weakly  $p$ -summable in  $X$  so that  $\|ST(x_n)\| > \epsilon$ , for some  $\epsilon > 0$ . Choose  $(z_n^*)$  in  $B_{Z^*}$  so that  $\langle z_n^*, ST(x_n) \rangle > \epsilon$ . Without loss of generality,  $(S^*(z_n^*))$  is  $w^*$ -convergent. Then  $\langle S^*(z_n^*), T(x_n) \rangle = \langle z_n^*, ST(x_n) \rangle \rightarrow 0$ , a contradiction.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) Let  $S : Y \rightarrow c_0$  be an operator. Note that  $B_{\ell_1}$ , and thus  $S^*(B_{\ell_1})$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact. Then  $ST : X \rightarrow c_0$  is  $p$ -convergent.

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Let  $(x_n)$  be a weakly  $p$ -summable sequence in  $X$  and let  $(y_n^*)$  be a  $w^*$ -null sequence in  $Y^*$ . Define  $S : Y \rightarrow c_0$  by  $S(y) = (y_i^*(y))$ . Since  $ST$  is  $p$ -convergent,  $\langle y_n^*, T(x_n) \rangle \leq \|ST(x_n)\| \rightarrow 0$ . □

The following two corollaries provide equivalent characterizations of spaces with the  $DP^*P_p$ .

**Corollary 20** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$ . The following statements are equivalent about a Banach space  $X$ .*

- (i)  $X$  has the  $DP^*P_p$ .
- (ii) [15] *The identity operator  $i : X \rightarrow X$  is weak\*  $p$ -convergent; that is, every weakly  $p$ -precompact subset of  $X$  is a limited set.*
- (iii) [18] *Every weakly  $p$ -precompact operator  $S : Z \rightarrow X$  is limited, for any Banach space  $Z$ .*
- (iv) [15] *Every operator  $S : \ell_{p^*} \rightarrow X$  is limited.*
- (v) [18] *If  $(x_n)$  is a weakly  $p$ -summable sequence in  $X$  and  $(x_n^*)$  is a  $w^*$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X^*$ , then  $x_n^*(x_n) \rightarrow 0$ .*

**Proof** Apply Theorem 18 to the identity operator  $i : X \rightarrow X$ . □

**Corollary 21** *Let  $1 < p < \infty$ . The following statements are equivalent about a Banach space  $X$ .*

- (i)  $X$  has the  $DP^*P_p$ .
- (ii) [18] *If  $(x_n)$  is a weakly  $p$ -Cauchy sequence in  $X$  and  $(x_n^*)$  is a  $w^*$ -null sequence in  $X^*$ , then  $x_n^*(x_n) \rightarrow 0$ .*

- (iii) [18] If  $S : X \rightarrow Z$  is an operator such that  $S^*(B_{Z^*})$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact, then  $S$  is  $p$ -convergent.
- (iv) [15] Every operator  $S : X \rightarrow c_0$  is  $p$ -convergent.

**Proof** Apply Corollary 19 to the identity operator  $i : X \rightarrow X$ . □

We note that an operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $p$ -convergent if and only if  $T$  takes weakly  $p$ -precompact subsets of  $X$  into norm compact subsets of  $Y$ .

**Corollary 22** Let  $1 < p < \infty$ .

- (i) Suppose  $S : X \rightarrow Y$  is weakly  $p$ -precompact and  $T : Y \rightarrow Z$  is an operator with weakly precompact adjoint. If  $Y$  has the  $DPP_p$ , then  $TS$  is compact.
- (ii) Suppose  $S : X \rightarrow Y$  is weakly  $p$ -precompact and  $T : Y \rightarrow Z$  is an operator such that  $T^*(B_{Z^*})$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact. If  $Y$  has the  $DP^*P_p$ , then  $TS$  is compact.

**Proof** (i) Suppose  $S : X \rightarrow Y$  is weakly  $p$ -precompact and  $T : Y \rightarrow Z$  is an operator such that  $T^*$  is weakly precompact. Since  $Y$  has the  $DPP_p$ ,  $T$  is  $p$ -convergent by Corollary 16. Then  $TS(B_X)$  is relatively compact, and thus  $TS$  is compact.

- (ii) The proof is similar to that of (i). □

**Corollary 23** Let  $1 < p < \infty$ .

- (i) If  $Y^*$  does not contain a copy of  $\ell_1$ , then every weak  $p$ -convergent operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $p$ -convergent.
- (ii) If  $B_{Y^*}$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact (in particular if  $Y$  is separable), then every weak\*  $p$ -convergent operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is  $p$ -convergent.
- (iii) If  $X$  or  $Y$  has the  $DPP_p$ , then every operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is weak  $p$ -convergent.
- (iv) If  $X$  or  $Y$  has the  $DP^*P_p$ , then every operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is weak\*  $p$ -convergent.

**Proof** (i) Let  $i : Y \rightarrow Y$  be the identity operator on  $Y$ . Suppose  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is a weak  $p$ -convergent operator. By Rosenthal’s  $\ell_1$  theorem,  $i^*$  is weakly precompact. Then  $T = iT$  is  $p$ -convergent by Theorem 14.

- (ii) The proof is similar to that of (i).
- (iii) Let  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  be an operator. If  $Y$  has the  $DPP_p$ , then the identity operator  $i : Y \rightarrow Y$  is weak  $p$ -convergent. Hence  $T = iT$  is weak  $p$ -convergent. If  $X$  has the  $DPP_p$ , then the identity operator  $i : X \rightarrow X$  is weak  $p$ -convergent. Hence  $T = Ti$  is weak  $p$ -convergent.
- (iv) The proof is similar to that of (iii). □

Clearly each  $p$ -convergent operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is weak\*  $p$ -convergent and each weak\*  $p$ -convergent operator is weak  $p$ -convergent. By Corollary 23, we obtain the following result. It generalizes [15, Proposition 2.5].

**Corollary 24** If  $Y^*$  does not contain a copy of  $\ell_1$ , then the families of  $p$ -convergent operators, weak\*  $p$ -convergent operators, and weak  $p$ -convergent operators  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  coincide.

Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . A Banach space  $X$  has the  $p$ -Gelfand–Phillips ( $p$ -GP) property (or is a  $p$ -Gelfand–Phillips space) if every limited weakly  $p$ -summable sequence in  $X$  is norm null [15].

If  $X$  has the  $GP$  property, then  $X$  has the  $p$ - $GP$  property for any  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . The space  $\ell_\infty$  does not have the  $p$ - $GP$  property for any  $1 \leq p < \infty$  [15].

Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . A space  $X$  has the  $p$ -Dunford Pettis relatively compact property ( $p$ - $DPrCP$ ) if every DP weakly  $p$ -summable sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $X$  is norm null [17].

If  $X$  has the  $DPrCP$  property, then  $X$  has the  $p$ - $DPrCP$  property for any  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

**Corollary 25** *Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . If  $X$  has the  $p$ - $GP$  (resp. the  $p$ - $DPrCP$ ) property, then the following are equivalent.*

- (i)  $X$  has the  $DP^*P_p$  (resp. the  $DPP_p$ ).
- (ii)  $X \in C_p$ .

**Proof** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) We only prove the result when  $X$  has the  $p$ - $GP$  and the  $DP^*P_p$ . The other case is similar.

Let  $(x_n)$  be weakly  $p$ -summable in  $X$ . Then  $(x_n)$  is limited by Corollary 20. Therefore  $\|x_n\| \rightarrow 0$ , and thus  $X \in C_p$ .  $\square$

Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . An operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is called *limited  $p$ -convergent* if it carries limited weakly  $p$ -summable sequences in  $X$  to norm null ones in  $Y$  [15]. An operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  is called *DP  $p$ -convergent* if it takes DP weakly  $p$ -summable sequences to norm null sequences [17].

The sets of all limited  $p$ -convergent, DP  $p$ -convergent, weak  $p$ -convergent, and weak\*  $p$ -convergent operators from  $X$  to  $Y$  will be respectively denoted by  $LC_p(X, Y)$ ,  $DPC_p(X, Y)$ ,  $WC_p(X, Y)$ , and  $W^*C_p(X, Y)$ .

**Corollary 26** *Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Let  $X$  be a Banach space. The following statements hold.*

- (i)  $X$  has the  $p$ - $DPrCP$  if and only if  $WC_p(X, \ell_\infty) = DPC_p(X, \ell_\infty)$ .
- (ii)  $X$  has the  $p$ - $GP$  property if and only if  $W^*C_p(X, \ell_\infty) = LC_p(X, \ell_\infty)$ .

**Proof** (i) A Banach space  $X$  has the  $p$ - $DPrCP$  if and only if  $DPC_p(X, \ell_\infty) = L(X, \ell_\infty)$  [17]. Since  $\ell_\infty$  has the  $DPP_p$ ,  $L(X, \ell_\infty) = WC_p(X, \ell_\infty)$ .

(ii) A Banach space  $X$  has the  $p$ - $GP$  if and only if  $LC_p(X, \ell_\infty) = L(X, \ell_\infty)$  [17]. Since  $\ell_\infty$  has the  $DP^*P_p$ ,  $L(X, \ell_\infty) = W^*C_p(X, \ell_\infty)$ .  $\square$

Since any limited set is a DP set, any limited weakly  $p$ -summable sequence is also DP weakly  $p$ -summable. Hence if  $X$  has the  $p$ - $DPrCP$ , then  $X$  has the  $p$ - $GP$  property. Thus, if  $X$  has the  $p$ - $DPrCP$ , then  $L(X, \ell_\infty) = LC_p(X, \ell_\infty) = DPC_p(X, \ell_\infty) = WC_p(X, \ell_\infty) = W^*C_p(X, \ell_\infty)$ .

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